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Gov. Toole's majority will be not less than six hundred and fifty by the official

A DEMOCRATIC governor and a democratic legislature to start off the new state right! Who wouldn't be a Mon-

NEVER mind, republicans: Think of the mighty resources of Montana that are waiting for muscle to develop them! Eschew politics.

The senate committee on irrigation is said to have under consideration a of Lower California. Wouldn't it be better to irrigate the United States as it stands, first?

THE New York republican congressmen have swung into line for Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, for speaker of the House of Representatives. It looks as though the arch enemy of silver would pull through. Wonder if our Carter will vote for him?

THE official vote is canvassed in many counties to-day. After the county canvassers are done with their work their returns are made to the secretary of state, who, with the governor and the chief justice, constitute a board of canvassers. The state board of canvassers must meet and declare the result within thirty days after the election.

SPEAKING of the working of the Australian ballot law in Montana the St. Paul Globe says: "The Montana law is faulty, in that it requires the voter to put a cross mark opposite the name of each candidate voted for, instead of allowing a person who desires to vote a straight party ticket to indicate it by putting but one cross mark on the tick-This seems to be a point well taken.

THE republican newspapers that think they discover a great Hill victory over Cleveland in the action of the New York democratic convention, are way off on the situation. The ticket is headed by Frank Rice for secretary of state, and there isn't a stronger Cleveland man in the state. The other candidates on the ticket are no more friendly to Hill than to Cleveland. The presidential contest hasn't opened yet, and there was no significance in the nominations.

TEN states hold off-year elections four weeks from to-day. Ohio, Iowa, Vir-Mississippi elect governors; New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Nebraska for representatives in congress to succeed Cox of New York and Laird of Nebraska. Ohio and Virginia are the most interesting battlegrounds at present, but as the New York campaign warms up there will be a lively contest between the two parties for supremacy. Democratic prospects are bright.

Poor Windom! There are loud calls for his scalp on all sides. The lead men want him removed because he will not have Mexican lead excluded. Steve Elkins and Blaine, who own Mexican mines, don't like him, because he won't rule openly in their favor. President Harrison won't let him make a move toward shutting out the Chinese coolies, and here comes the San Francisco Call, an administration journal, insisting that "Secretary Windom is too heavy a load for the administration to carry. He cannot be unloaded too soon for the good of the party. To say nothing of his manifest disposition to take orders from the transportation companies, he has committed the unpardonable offense of deliberately nullifying an act of congress."

And yet Windom is only obeying orders from headquarters.

The Journal was never more mistaken in its life and it is mistaken a great many times every day-than in its suggestion that THE INDEPENDENT is disposed to defend republican treachery here in Lewis and Clarke county. If there was republican treachery here we are glad of it. We wish there had been enough of it to clean out the g. o. p. in every part of the territory. We are opposed to the party whether as a whole, or in dismembered fragments, as it is in Montana to-day. The main thing we are laboring for is to get rid of it, and we rejoice that all through the campaign, and since, the Journal has greatly aided us in this job. Crack away at the traitors, brother, until there is nothing left of either of you.

There onct was two cats in Kilkenny, And aich tho't there was one cat too many: So they scratched an' they fit. An' they gouged an' they bit Till, barrin' their nails, An' the tips o' their tails.

Instid o' two cats, there war'nt any. According to the clerk's roll the House of Representatives of the Fiftyfirst Congress stands: Republicans, 164; democrats, 161. The new states have elected five members, all republicans. The addition of the new men will give the republicans 169, a majority of seven. A quorum of the house, 166 members, will be required to transact business. Three absentees from their side will prevent the republicans from passing any party measure to which the democrats may object. As the list of sick and absent representatives during a session

treme partisan legislation is remote. It is doubtful if even the republican attempt to unseat five or six democrats, whose election is contested, will be suc cessful in the face of determined opposition by democratic parliamentarians.

The senate now stands 39 republicans and 37 democrats. The four new states will add eight more to the total number. The republicans get six of these, from ica. North and South Dakota and Washington. The democrats two from Montana. The complexion of the senate, when it meets in December, will therefore be, republicans 45, democrats 39, a republican majority of six.

cans will gain ten electoral votes and the democrats three. The republicans thus gain substantially by the accession of the new states. The democrats must scheme for the annexation and irrigation | retake New York and Indiana to be sure winners in the presidential race, and fortunately there is every prospect that they will do so.

LET US HAVE PEACE.

The view that hundreds of our leading business men, republicans and democrats, are taking of the political outlook is thus admirably reflected in a calm and dispassionate review of the situation by our esteemed republican contemporary, the Herald: distorted by viewing objects under the excitement and noise of battle. T. C. Power was not defeated so much over in Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties as right here in Lewis and Clarke county, and here, not so much by men hired to go away and not vote, or those others jwho were naturalized and registered at the expense of the republicans and then took the money of the democrats and voted that ticket straight, as by republicans who did vote and deliberately preferred J. K. Toole,"many of them going still farther and voting for democratic members of the legislature, not that they had aught against the candidates, but because they preferred that our first senators should be democrats.

For ourselves, we feel that we owe even our partial defeat to ourselves and that there is no justice in laying it to what the democrats have done. We want no factious opposition to the vote of the people that will delay our admission as a state at the earliest moment possible as soon as any of the other states. Our whole political and industrial career will be shaped and colored by our standing at this critical period. Honors and offices are divided, but the future is surely republican if we do nothing to forfeit the confidence of the people.

That is sensible and patriotic talk.

THERE is no surer test of a city's solid growth, the condition of its trade, and the character of its business men, than that afforded by an examination of its financial institutions. The people of Helena and the country tributary to it will take pride and satisfaction, therefore, in the story of to know, as some republicans were, how ginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts and their own prosperity and sound financial Lewis and Clarke county was going he choose minor state officers. Special statement this great institution has the voters in Helena that have no settled shown by the tables is almost marvelous take place in a city of only 23,000 inhab- vote them. This cry of fraud and use of inancial health.

> THE Portland Oregonian is to be congratulated on securing for its managing editor so able and accomplished a journalist is F. A. Carle, late of the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Mr. Carle is one of the very best | whole thing in a nut shell." equipped all-around newspaper men in the country. He combines the qualities of a strong, forcible writer with fine executive day, and was filling his knowledge tank with ability and news sense, and his experience has been wide and varied. The city of Portland gains in Mr. Carle a citzen of high character and usefulness.

CROSS-CUTS.

There is talk of the oyster getting into a Statesman.

President Harrison is still hunting hard for a pension commissioner who can distribute the surplus with his mouth shut.

The good a man does is buried with him: but it is unpleasantly suggested that no allowance is made for this fact in measuring the grave. -Baltimore American

The woman who carries her handkerchief in her corsage should remember the fate of the man in the fable who warmed a wiper in his bosom.—Terre Haute Express,

"In a few years," says Mr. Edison, "the world will be just like one big ear; it will be unsafe to speak in a house until one has examined the walls and furniture for concealed phonographs." Scott inquires:

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest By all their country's wishes blest?" The answer is obvious:

About the same as those poor souls Who get snowed under at the polls.

-Exchange. Cedar Rapids Gazette: A few years ago Joseph Pulitzer was a reporter in St, Louis and a few years before that a stevedore on the levee. The other day he gave \$100,000 to the world's fair fund. Moral: Don't give the reporter the cold shoulder. He may be a millionaire when you are in the poor-house.

Pit sburg Chronicle-telegraph: "What is the difference between a pretty girl and a and dog?" asked Squildig. "If that's a conundrum I'll give it up,"

replied McSwilligen, with no unnecessary loss of time. "You cauterize after being wounded by a

you cauterize first." Samuel Colt, the inventor of the revolver that bears his name, was originally a blacksmith, rough, uneducated, coarse, but a genius in his way. A company was formed right on top of the peak-you can see it for the manufacture of pistols, but Colt had from here-and I used to use the water to such a terrible temper and was so unreason- irrigate. When Tommy Cruse struck the able that no person could get along with Drum Lummond mine the spring dried up. him, so he bought out the company for a You see, there is an underground connection song and set up for himself. A lucrative between the mine and the mountain.

usually numbers from ten to twenty-five, contract from the government during the it will be seen that the prospect of ex- Mexican war was the foundation of a magnificent fortune.

> If Columbus were alive to-day, says the New York Sun, and if his contract of April 17, 1492, with Ferdinand and Isabella were sustained by the American courts he would be enjoying an income of about\$16,000,000 a year from the bullion product of the western hemisphere, to say nothing of his one-tenth interest in the pearls, precious stones and general merchandise of Amer-

Cardinal Manning is a slight, graceful, delicate gracious, dignified man. Like all intelligent Englishmen, he is deeply intersted in the United States, and regards this country as the future home of the greatest number of English-speaking people. His nome is a plain brick house, the chief at-If the new states vote for president in traction of which is a magnificent library. 1892 as they went this year, the republi- He is the most abstemious of men, dining off a potato and an egg.

The season colder grows apace, The winds begin to roar; So, when you come into this place. Please, mister, shut the door.

It's most too warm for fires as yet. They'd open every pore; But frost has come, mankind to fret. So, mister, shut the door.

Don't leave it swinging while we sneeze, And christen you above; Unless you want to see us freeze

Why, hang it, shut the door! Don't make us shiver till we're blue, And hanker for your gore;

Look here, we've said all we're going to on this ubject, and the next thing you know we'll be ver there wiping the floor up with you Unless you shut that door.

-Washington Capital.

HEARD ON THE STREET.

"I think it rather tough," said a sporting nan yesterday, "that the republicans ars not willing to give up bets on Joe Toole when it is conceded by every sensible person that he is elected. I have about \$1,800 tied up which I bet against Tom Power, and him?" I would like to have it to use just at present. The second day alter election I gave up \$800 on Tom Carter, and am sorry now I did. I would have to give it up in the long Two men passed them and the fighter who run just as the Power men will have to relinquish their grip on the Toole money, but I could have kept them out of it for a time which would have given me as much satisfaction as it does them to keep the money."

One of the young men about town is limping around with the aid of a crutch. When asked the cause of his lameness, he said: "I was at the Broadwater plunge yesterday, and while walking around stuck a piece of glass in my foot. Two or three kick, but missing it, fell sprawling in a others got their feet cut. I suppose the glass gutter. must have fallen from the skylight, but I think it would pay to let out the water and fill the bath up again."

There is no more harmony in the ranks of the republicau party in Lewis and Clarke county to-day than there was several days ago. The leaders still insist that there was treachery and go around damning the unfortunate who have incurred their displeasure. A prominent republican remarked vesterday that had he been in a position condition, as told in another column in the could have changed 500 votes . "The counofficial statement of the First National ty," he said, is not republican, neither is it ever made. The volume of business as opinion of their own. These votes can be secured one way or the other, and the when we consider that these transactions democrats were wise enough to corral and itants. The deposits amount to very nearly money I am tired of. Any one who has four millions, the available reserve fund, in been in politics for any length of time round numbers, is \$815,000, and the total knows that the way to best the enemy is to footings are over five millions. We congrat- get the votes. I don't know as it matters ulate the management of this bank and our much how you get 'em, just so you get 'em. people alike on this gratifying exhibit of A man can vote how he pleases on the Australian plan, but there is a way of finding out how a man is liable to vote before he gets to the polls. We were clearly outgeneraled. The democrats had made a careful canvass of the city and knew what to depend upon. We didn't. That is the

> X. Biedler had a tenderfoot in tow yesterwild, weird stories. "Is this a good farming country?" was

asked.

"The finest in the world," X. replied, 'Farming now is carried on in the valleys. When I came here we had to depend upon what was raised on the mountains. The high land was chosen because the ranchers trust. Down with the oyster.-Yonkers could keep a look out for Indians. Splendid crops were raised, but a man could make so much more gulch mining that very few could be found who were willing to till the soil. One winter I got a touch of rheumatism and concluded to lay off the next summer and get cured. I didn't want to remain idle, so took up a ranch on top of Mt. Helena. I fenced in 160 acres, but had no intention of farming it all. I cleared off forty acres for a garden patch, hired a couple of Chinamen, and as it was an open winter had all my land plowed and seeded by April. I raised is the place to buy. a prodigious crop of vegetables, for which I received big prices. Potatoes were worth \$1 a pound and cantaloupes \$10 apiece. You see, frost falls every night on Mt. Helena, and when I picked my melons in the morning they were cool and nice. All I had to do was to load up a Chinaman and send House in Montana. him down the gulch and he would come back with a sack of dust that weighed as much as the melons,

years than I did from anything else. Prickly pears need no cultivation; in fact, the more you leave them alone the better they thrive. You never saw any, did you? No? Well, they are about the size of an apple, the skin full of thorns, but when Children's Wooleen Underwear during they are roasted the skin comes off and they are just splendid. They taste like turtle soup and bananas mixed. They're fine. Worth their weight in gold. I was the only ranchman had any luck with 'em. Just coined money. Couldn't supply the demand. This valley down here took its name from my ranch. I cleaned up \$100,-000 in one year off that ranch."

"Mr. Biedler," asked the tenderfoot, who mad dog, but in the case of the pretty girl had listened with rapt attention to the recital, "do you own that ranch now?" "Yes, I own it, but it's no good."

"What's the matter with it?" "You see, there used to be a living spring

With the water gone, of course I couldn't farm any more. If the mine ever gives out I will have it filled up which will back the

gun till I shoot that fellow.'

If he doesn't bar Billy Hawkins he can, perhaps, be accommodated.

anxious to make friends with all the boys. He was out late one night and picked up a pug who was down at the heel and anxious for a go with some one. The candidate soon made friends with him, and after a few rounds of refreshments, had the fellow swearing eternal fidelity. They sauntered around town until sun up, the candidate asked the pug to take breakfast with him, and the proposition was accepted. They went to a hotel, entered the diningroom and took seats. The pug pushed back his chair, put his feet on the table, and asked:

"Where's de wine?"

"I'd like to see de color of de man's hair dat would bounce me or you either," remarked the pug as he threw a glass at a

The candidate used a little moral sussion and induced his friend to take his feet down and behave himself. A couple of bottles of Pomery were opened and drank.

"Now, dis is what I calls livin'," said the fighter. "Hey, cully (to waiter), bring us another bottle. Say (to the candidate), why don't you tip his nibs a \$1? You don't expect a man to wait on us without fixin'

candidate ran down an alley, seized a brick and waited for his antagonist, but the fellow forgot all about him, for he caught sight of a dog at which he aimed a vigorous

peering around the corner of a house with a brick in his hand.

MORRIS-At Boulder, Merthi, infant daughter of William and Fannie Morris, aged 7 months, The funeral will take place from the Montana

entral depot on arrival of the train to-day, Oct. at 11:25 a. m. Friends of the family are reectfully invited. DILLON-At Marysville, Oct. 17, Mrs. Mary Dillon, aged 72 years.

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water up to the mountain again." The gentleman who was seeking information left and when out of ear shot X turned to Marshal Wheeler and said: "Lend me a

Jack Fogarty, who has bested many a good man in the ring, is in the city and wants to have a set-to with some middle weight. Jack is anxious for a go with most any one and says he has plenty of backing.

A late candidate for a county office was

"O, that will come along all right," was the reply, "but you musn't put your feet on the table. This is a decent place, and if you go to behaving this way the proprietor will bounce us."

When another bottle had been disposed of and cigars purchased at the bar the two badly mismated friends wandered outside. was loaded to the guards proposed to fight, The candidate induced him to leave them alone. They hadn't gone more than twenty steps when the pug. turned and aimed a savage blow at the candidate, saying: "I can lick de stuffin out'n you anyhow."

Just then they parted company. The The last seen of the candidate he was

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